

Dear Chairman Powell,

Please do not loosen the rules for media ownership any further. Ownership of multiple TV or radio stations, magazines, and newspapers over many localities by a single individual or corporation seriously undermines local autonomy and freedom of the press, both guaranteed by the Constitution. There is no justification for enabling single wealthy individuals or corporations to control the main venues for information over broader areas of the country, to say nothing of using lies and suppression of information to manipulate the public. I consider this a vital issue and it will figure most strongly in forming my choices in the 2004 elections.

Sincerely,

Jeannie Bergmann